Subject No. 476.

Execution of water-works at Harihar at Government cost.

Mr. J. Kesava Naik, Municipal Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—In consideration of difficulty for water in the Town of Harihar, Government were pleased to sanction the introduction of the pipe system into the town at a cost of Rs. 30,000, on the condition of half of the amount being borne and repaid with interest by the Municipality as a loan. Owing to the poverty of the Municipality it is prayed that the work be ordered to be executed wholly at Government cost, the current charges being borne by the Municipality or if that could not be granted the amount of loan promised may be made repayable without interest or if that too is not possible, the loan may be granted as originally proposed.

Reply of Government.—The estimated income of the Municipality for the current year being only Rs. 3,967 against an expenditure of Rs. 4,261 there is very little chance of the Municipality repaying the loan without interest or even maintaining the work, if carried out by Government when funds become available. The matter will however be considered.

Subject No. 477.

Introduction of water-supply to Harihar extension.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Taluk Member Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—Lands were acquired long ago on payment of compensation for the purposes of Town extension at Harihar, but no houses have yet been built for want of water convenience there. On the same maidan, Sante or weekly market is being held and the people collecting there on shandy days very much feel the difficulty for drinking water, there being no well or any other source of water-supply near at hand. The sinking of wells is prohibitively costly. It is therefore prayed that the pipe system through which the Railway Station is supplied with the river water may be extended to the maidan in question, so that people may be induced to build houses there, as the Town is visited by plague every year.

Reply of Government.—(Same as subject No. 476.)

Subject No 478.

Abolition of Octroi duty in Harihar Municipality.

Mr. J. Kesava Naik, Municipal Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—The levy of Octroi duty in the Harihar Municipality has depressed the trade of the town as the major portion of it is carried away to Davangere where such duty is not levied. The duty may therefore be abolished and tolls on carts collected as at Davangere.

Note.—Mr. Sreenivas Rao thanked the Government for abolishing the octroi duty and replacing it by tolls.

Subject No. 479.

Water-supply at Davangere from Tungabhadra river.

Mr. C. Somanna. Taluk Member Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—Water-supply at Davangere may be improved by laying out pipes from the Tungabhadra river which is only 8 miles from Davangere.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be investigated.

Subject No. 480.

Construction of market for Davangere.

Mr. C. Chennagiri Somanna, Taluk Member, Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—A market may be constructed in the town of Davangere for the convenience of traders.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be referred to the Municipal Board for consideration.